



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 21, 2018

Mr. Troy Shockley
TowBlazer, Inc.
1434 Poinsett Hwy
Greenville, SC 29609

NEF-150MR
18V-501

Subject: Axle Spindle May Break During Use

Dear Mr. Shockley:

This letter serves to acknowledge TowBlazer, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
TOWBLAZER/HERITAGE/2018

Mfr's Report Date: July 30, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-501

Components:
SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:SPINDLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7

Problem Description:

TowBlazer, Inc. (TowBlazer) is recalling certain 2018 TowBlazer Heritage motorcycle tow-behind trailers. The axle spindles on these trailers may have a poor weld, possibly resulting in the spindle breaking and the wheel detaching.

Consequence:

If the wheel falls off, there would be an increased risk of a crash.

Remedy:

TowBlazer has notified owners, and dealers will correct the weld, or replace the chassis with a correctly welded spindle, free of charge. The recall began on July 11, 2018. Owners may contact TowBlazer customer service at 1-864-501-4559.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on July 11, 2018 prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for TowBlazer to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

Please provide a copy of the letter that you sent to the purchasers of the affected trailers.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement